



**U.S. Army Corps  
Of Engineers**  
Norfolk District

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### **Changes to Special Conditions 5 and 7 of the Regional Permit 17**

On August 14, 2003, Colonel Yvonne Prettyman-Beck reauthorized the Regional Permit 17. At this time, Special Condition 5 stated, "All structures will be of suitable materials and practical design so as to reasonably ensure a safe and sound structure. All piers that cross wetland vegetation shall be an open-pile design, up to five (5) feet wide and have minimum elevation of at least four (4) feet between the decking and the wetlands substrate. We are soliciting public comments on the following two options: 1) you are allowed a 15 foot distance from the landward end of the pier to "ramp up" the pier to the required elevation or 2) you must achieve the required elevation from the mean high water mark or ordinary high water mark.

No comments were received by the general public and it has been a decision of this district that this Special Condition will be changed to state the following:

5. All piers that cross wetland vegetation shall be an open-pile design, up to five (5) feet wide and have minimum elevation of at least four (4) feet between the decking and the wetlands substrate.

There was an error detected in Special Condition 7 and will be changed to read as follows:

7. Subject to any applicable local ordinances, such piers may include an attached boatlift and an open-sided roof designed to shelter a single boat slip or lift. In cases where such roofs exceed 700 square feet, or those cases where a permit is required from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Norfolk District's RP-18 or RP-19 will be used in lieu of this permit.

These changes are effective immediately.



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